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Pain of the Innocents

by **Michael R. Gorman**

Even as we were being haunted by the pictures of dead and injured children in the Heartland last month, the government released a new study that indicates that violent child abuse is more common in American families than the experts previously believed.

Two thousand children die each year at the hands of their parents and primary caregivers, making child abuse a leading cause of death for children under the age of 4. An additional 140,000 children are injured each year in abusive attacks within the family. Most of the perpetrators are fathers and step-fathers, although the drownings in Union, South Carolina indicate that mothers contribute their share. (Statistically, gays are the safest people for children to be with, by the way.)

The study has been out for a couple of weeks now, yet with the exception of the Clintons and Pat Schroeder of Colorado, almost no one in the political realm is speaking out for the rights and safety of children. Perhaps the sickness that is reflected in these statistics runs deeper than many of us would like to admit. Perhaps the disregard for the presence of children by the Oklahoma bombers is a symptom of a wider problem within our culture. Perhaps the "traditional family values" that have Washington so cowed these days are not so good for children.

There is a kind of twisted irony in the fact that the bomb which killed the innocents in Oklahoma City in April was made with fertilizer. There is more dung than meets the eye in the horrible events of the past month, and unless we start looking honestly at some of the causes and demand an accounting, the prophets of 'return to backwardness', the Newts and the Buchanans and the Robertsons and the Limbaughs of the 'religious' right, will plow it all under and cover it up.

For all their whining about President Clinton politicizing an American tragedy, the spokesmen of the conservative right have not explained some very basic connections in the bombing that killed the children. For instance, why is the FBI in regular contact with researchers at Planned Parenthood in their search for clues to the Oklahoma holocaust? What could the rabid, unrepentant baby killers from the right-wing militias have in common with the good Christians who are assaulting the abortion clinics in order to "save the children?" Why are the leaders of Operation Rescue and Missionaries of the Preborn speaking to meetings of radical militias about training children to use guns? What does the U.S. Taxpayers Party have to do with fertilizer bombs and overthrowing the government? Why are acts of homophobia rising in direct proportion to the numbers of anti-government militias in various areas around the country? Abortion, taxes, the right to bear arms, godless homosexuals, big government as enemy: sound familiar Rush? Pat? Pat? Newt?

The reality, once you cut through the fertilizer, is that the bombing of the children in Oklahoma City and the killing of abortion doctors and the murders of children in American homes and the attempt to portray homosexuals as predators are manifestations of the same social agenda, and none of it has anything to do with protecting children. The children are a smoke screen for the real agenda, a shield for the Holy War. The fact is that the religious right does not care about the children any more than the armies of Iran did when they used them as shields on the battlefield in their war against their own version of the Great Satan. The fact is that Fundamentalist Christianity is abusive to children, and is fighting for the right to remain so. Anyone who

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Role Model

Dear Editor,

Recently while visiting friends in Sacramento, I had the good fortune to pick up a copy of *the latest issue*. I was impressed with your magazine's commitment to the community and its positive portrayals of the gay experience.

With that in mind, I feel it is my obligation to call to your readers' attention the positive gay role-model that television's "N.Y.P.D. Blue" has brought to prime time this season. The producers have proved that they really are a cutting edge police drama by adding an openly gay receptionist to the show's gritty Manhattan squad room. They are to be congratulated for having the courage to go beyond stereotypes and to create a character the queer community can be proud of. It's about time!

The new gay character is open about his sexual orientation and makes no apologies about it to anyone, including the gruff and vaguely homophobic police detective played by Dennis Franz. How refreshing! He is not only dignified and caring but also damn good at his job.

"N.Y.P.D. Blue" has once again proved that stereotypes are meant to be broken. I urge all of your readers to watch the show, and to let ABC know that we support their efforts in portraying a gay character in a healthy and realistic light. Write your comments to Steven Bochco Productions, 10201 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90035.

Brad Foster

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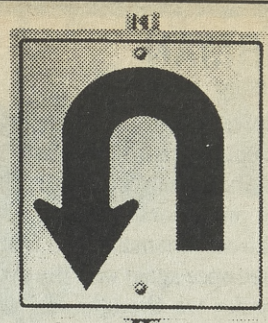

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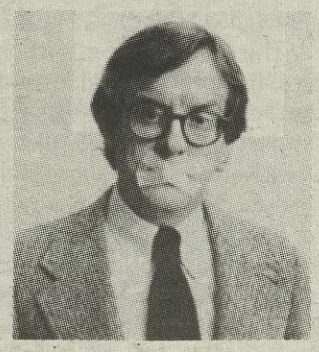

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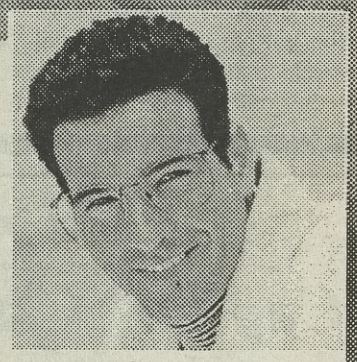

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truly loves children must begin to speak out against the travesty of 'traditional family values' and its violent protectors.

Children. Shamans who force us to see once again with the eyes of wonder we thought we had lost. Purveyors of unconditional love who love even at their peril. Innocents who celebrate the diversity of people even as they revel in the diversity of birds and puppies and kitties.

What does the religious right say of these fabulous little humans? In conservative Christian theology, children are the inheritors of the sins of Adam and Eve, stained and tarnished by right of birth. Left to their own devices, they will grow in sin and corruption and become fodder for the fires of hell. The guilt and shame that such teaching imposes upon the little ones is emotional abuse in the first order. And the solution to this 'intrinsic evil' in children according to the good Christians? Physical abuse. They must be trained into goodness with the harsh reality of 'the rod.' Physical punishment is necessary for spiritual and social redemption.

A child's lot in life is obedience, absolute obedience to parents, elders, teachers, and pastors: any of the already redeemed adults. Satan is present in the as-yet unsaved child, and he must be kept in check. Thus children are at the bottom of a rigid social hierarchy that begins at the top with the dominant male. Parents have absolute rights over their children because those children were placed into the care of those parents by God himself. A child who questions a parent's abusive actions is committing one of the gravest sins a child can commit, disobedience, stepping outside of the order established by God.

If a fundamentalist parent wants to hit a child, force a child to attend church, trust a child's health to faith healers, keep a child away from school, lock a child in a barbed-wire surrounded religious survivalist compound, that parent has every right to do so, and any agency, even the government, which tries to interfere puts itself in league with the Prince of Darkness.

The Christian theological system which sustains this subjugation of children is the same one that puts women in submission to men. Each person has a preordained place in the social order, and any violation of that order is an affront to God. Women who wish control of their own reproductive lives pull themselves out of that order. A man who supports such choice (abortion doctors, liberals) is a traitor to his gender and to God. A woman's actions must always be subject to the approval of the males above her in the social order: father, husband, pastor. Public schools expose children to other possible social constructs and are therefore anti-Christian. Children who seek to escape abuse do so at the peril of the social pyramid. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders place themselves outside the gender-rigid hierarchy altogether. And a government that does not place itself in subjection to the Christian God, the Lord and Master, is outside the order and evil.

The violence that we are seeing escalate from the conservative right is indeed a Holy War. It is not about children. It is not about abortion. It is not about taxes. It is not about prayer in schools. It is about submission to those above in the Christian social hierarchy. It is about a world view that sees God the Father at the top, Jesus below him, and everyone else in descending order down the scale. Children are somewhere near the bottom along with queers. (Is it any wonder we have such rapport with children and our relationships with them are so suspect. We dare to respect them and share their frustration.)

Make no mistake; the radical religious right is fighting for the very survival of its way of life, its foundation, its view of the world. Anyone who does not fit neatly into the social order is a threat, an enemy who has aligned with Satan and deserves whatever righteous judgement falls. Let us hope we take it more seriously than the secular government of Iran did.

So what are the facts to back up this idea that the militias and the anti-abortionists and the religious survivalists and the telepreachers are in league? Isn't this all just the liberal version of a wacko conspiracy theory? Consider just a few of the hundreds of bits of evidence ;

(Some of the following were presented by Frank Rich in his editorial in the New York Times. Other facts come from Project Toxin, a group which monitors the religious right.)

1. The militias have almost universally expressed solidarity with the residents of the Branch Dividian compound, regardless of David Koresh's open abuse of the children. Mainstream spokesmen for the conservative right such as Rush Limbaugh, Newt Gingrich, and Pat Robertson have indicated that Clinton, in his handling of the Branch Dividians, is partially responsible for the Oklahoma deaths.

2. Planned Parenthood has a videotape of Randall Terry (Operation Rescue) and Matthew Trewhella (Missionaries to the Preborn) at a meeting of the U.S. Taxpayers Party designed to encourage the formation of militias. Trewhella spoke of arming his young child. One of the meeting's manuals was titled, "Principles Justifying the Arming and Organizing of Militias."

3. Pat Robertson cites as a favorite author Rousas J. Rushdoony, the most ardent disciple of 'Reconstructionist Christianity', a philosophical movement which advocates the overthrow of secular government and the institution of American Christian Theocracy.

4. One of the leading anti-abortion pamphlets from the 1980's includes instructions on constructing a fertilizer bomb.

5. There has been a dramatic rise in hate crimes against gays in areas with growing numbers of right-wing militias in those two states.

6. Despite a hunger strike by his former ghost writer, evangelist and advisor to the Republican right Pat Robertson refused for weeks to denounce violence against gays and lesbians.

Any issue dear to the hearts of the Christian right ties directly to the preservation of the social order that they have cherished for so long. The greatest enemies of the Christian right are the people and beliefs that most challenge the established hierarchy. Add to this the 'good guys against the bad guys' mentality of this theology, and you have a potent recipe for a Holy War as bitter as the Crusades, the Inquisition, and the Slaughter of the Native Americans. All in the name of the God of Love.

The male-dominated, gender-rigid, hierarchical social order is by no means exclusive to fundamentalist Christianity. But with Christianity (and fundamentalist Islam and Orthodox Judaism) the system takes on an added power and legitimacy because it is seen as the order chosen by God for his kingdom on earth.\ What true believer would not be willing to fight to the death against the enemies of God?

And who is it reminding the armies of God who the enemies are? Newt. Pat. Rush. These men play with the flammable politics of hatred and division because they understand the mindset. If you can manage to paint an individual or a group or an institution as a part of the great threat to the established order of God, you can take advantage of an army that is already in place. For these men to demure when their army turns violent is the height of cowardice, hypocrisy and rank dishonesty.

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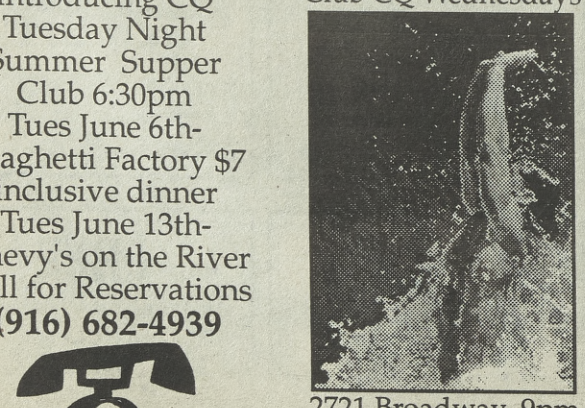

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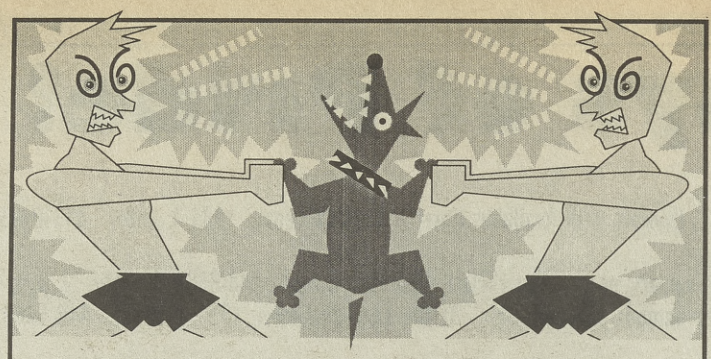

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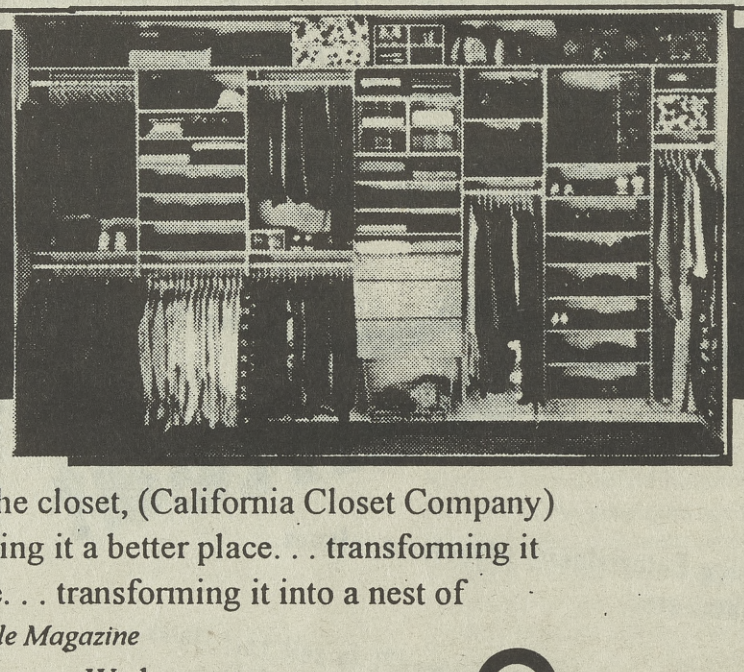

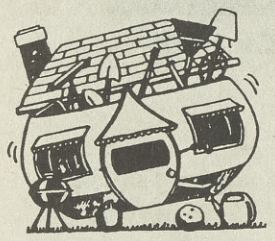

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Top Notch Entertainment To Appear At Freedom Fair

by Chris Narloch

Put on your dancing shoes and head for the 10th Annual Lambda Freedom Fair on the grounds of the State Capitol from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 10.

Headliners Black Box will be joined by gay comics, gay singers and other gay acts for a non-stop, balls-out party. The order of the day is fun.

This year's entertainment is being organized by Paul Curtis, a 15-year veteran of the 'biz', who told me the emphasis this year is on giving the gay community here a good time. "We've worked hard to find high-quality, professional acts, both local and national, and I think we have something to please everyone."

Internationally-known club act Black Box will perform their dance hits, "Everybody, Everybody" and "Strike It Up," as well as their brand new single, "You're Not Alone." Their new lead singer, Charvoni, is reported to give original vocalist Martha Wash a run for her money.

Local emcees Maureen Gaynor and Charlie Mauer will work two separate stages, the main stage at the end of the steps, where the headliners will appear, and a smaller stage that will showcase poets and local musicians. For those who can't sit still, there will be an area to dance, conveniently located next to the beer garden, with local DJ Tony Campos performing his musical magic.

Acts confirmed at press time include: Pink Planet, described as a cross between Erasure and Pet Shop Boys, from the Bay Area; Laura Bowly, an up-and-coming country-rock artist; Laura Chandler, a national folk artist; the Capitol City Squares, our local square-dance troupe; and comedienne Sequita Whitfield. Opening up the festivities will be local cabaret singer, and a favorite at Faces, Gayiel Von.

The entertainment on the second stage will alternate between acoustic music and poetry readings. Solo acts Fiona Lehn, Kelly Conway, Jim Ralston and a Davis trio, Duval Speck, bolster the local portion of this year's event.

Second Wind was confirmed and the Sacramento Men's Chorus was scheduled but unconfirmed at press time.

In addition to the poetry readings, there will be a few, brief political speeches and a book signing for the cerebral set.

Patricia Nell Warren, author of the classic novel "The Front Runner," will be signing copies of her latest book for fans, somewhere on the grounds. (Look for her among the 20 or so food vendors and approximately 110 organizations with booths.)

If you're anywhere near the Capitol on June 10 you won't be able to escape gay pride. Hundreds of rainbow flags will be flying to celebrate the diversity of the gay community.

That diversity will be echoed in the eclectic line-up of entertainers assembled, according to Paul Curtis, "Since it's the 10th annual event, we want this year's Freedom Fair to be the hottest one yet."And it sounds like it certainly will be!

Singer-songwriter Laura Chandler will perform at the Freedom Fair.

Local Chapter Of PFLAG Waves On

by Billie Jean Jones

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), with more than 360 chapters spread across the United States and eleven other countries, is entering its fourteenth year.

Its active mission is to promote the health and well being of gay people, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy.

Nationally, PFLAG was formed as a federation in 1982 and is now a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. Sacramento PFLAG observed their thirteenth anniversary in April according to Jean Hansen, Sacramento chapter president.

Supported by donations and membership fees, Sacramento PFLAG holds monthly meetings, outreach seminars, panel discussions and distributes pamphlets such as Our Daughters and Sons (for parents) and be your self (for youth). Due to budget constraints, a nominal charge ($1.50) is requested for these twenty-four page items. Sacramento PFLAG also distributes handouts, operates a help line and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at St. Mark's Methodist Church (Fireside Room, 2nd floor) and usually involve a video presentation, a speaker or a rap session. On June 20, a rap session facilitated by Dr. Will Green will occur. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. (no charge, donations appreciated).

Recently, Sacramento PFLAG had a panel discussion on "Homophobia" canceled four days before it was scheduled because the San Juan School District deemed it "too controversial at this time," even though it was going to be for an audience composed entirely of adults at an adult center.

One of Sacramento PFLAG's ongoing projects is their "Save a Life, Buy a Book" program. This involves placing ten books relating in a positive way to homosexuality on the shelves of our local branch libraries. Faced with a cost of $100 per branch, PFLAG has only been able to get about half the 24 branches stocked.

When you consider that the suicide rates for gay youth are 3 to 4 times higher than those for heterosexual youth, don't you wonder why the community

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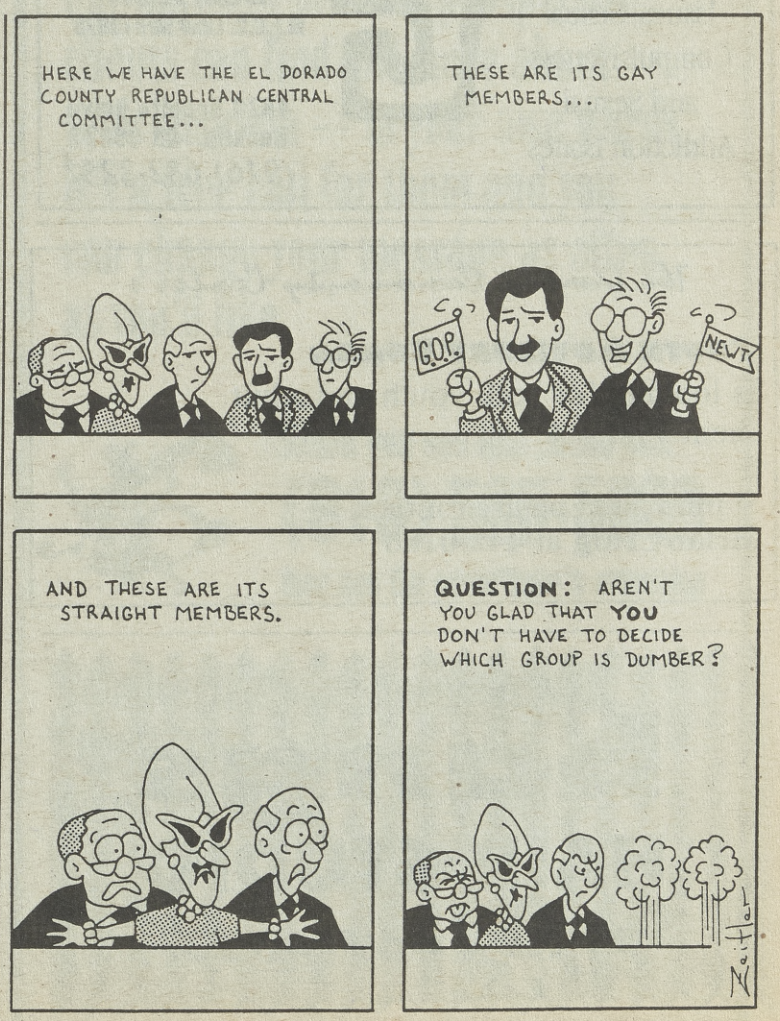
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AIDS FILE

by Bruce Mirken

Battle Over Growth Hormone Price

AIDS activists thought they had won a major victory a few months ago when they persuaded the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Serono Laboratories to make Serostim , an extremely promising experimental treatment for AIDS-related wasting syndrome, available to critically ill patients under a plan known as a Treatment IND (for Investigational New Drug). PWAs who were failing on approved treatments for wasting would, at least in theory, be able to access growth hormone without waiting for full FDA approval, which could take months or longer.

But AIDS activists led by ACT UP/Golden Gate are furious that the program had only enrolled 37 patients by early April--three months' time. The problem, they months' time. The problem, they charge, is cost.

The Treatment IND for growth hormone is unique in that for the first time the FDA allowed what is politely termed "cost recovery." That is, Serono is allowed to charge enough for the drug to cover its research and development costs. The company had successfully argued that it could not afford to give the drug away for free as has been done in pre-approval "expanded access" programs for ddI, d4T, 3TC, etc.

But ACT UP calls Serono's price of $25 per milligram ($150 per day at the usual dose) "exorbitantly expensive." Many insurers and government programs are reportedly declining to pay such a steep price for an unapproved drug, and the price puts growth hormone utterly out of reach of the uninsured. ACT UP also reports having heard from numerous doctors who are reluctant to prescribe the product under the current set-up.

ACT UP/Golden Gate is demanding that Serono immediately cut Serostim's price by half, provide the drug for free to 250 patients with no means to pay (at present only 25 are allowed free drug) and release the results of an independent audit conducted last year which may undercut

The activists have begun a phone/fax "zap" of the company and--perhaps more importantly--have begun hinting that the company's alleged irresponsible behavior calls into question whether community groups should support Serostim's full approval by the FDA.

THE LATEST ON SMOKING AND HIV:

A little-reported study presented in January at the Second National Conference on Human Retroviruses and Related Infections contains distinctly mixed tions contains distinctly mixed news for smokers with HIV. The study compared smoking and nonsmoking HIV-infected men in San Francisco, Denver and Chicago.

The good news is that smoking wasn't associated with declining CD4 counts, progression to full-blown AIDS, Kaposi's sarcoma or pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. The bad news is that smokers did have significantly higher rates of bacterial pneumonia, oral candidiasis and oral hairy leukoplakia--the latter two being generally non-life-threatening but unpleasant mouth infections.

FORCED TESTING OF PREGNANT WOMEN?

A report last year suggesting that AZT can reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission (from a study known as ACTG 076) has led to growing calls for mandatory testing of pregnant women. Bills requiring such testing have been proposed both at the federal level and in numerous state legislatures.

AIDS organizations have consistently opposed such measures, and now the Los Angeles-based newsletter Being Alive has published what may be the best, most compelling explanation yet of why such forced testing is a bad Time For Action Now", by Walt Senterfitt in the March issue lays out the huge gaps in the data now being used to justify mandatory testing of expectant mothers.

First of all, Senterfitt points out that it is highly unusual to base public policy on a single study, particularly one as controversial as 076. One study, he notes, "will at best provide incomplete information." There are good reasons that scientists generally don't consider something proven until two independent teams of researchers have gotten the same result.

And the 076 data available so

Do we want to risk giving AZT to the children who will turn out to be HIV-negative?

And the 076 data available so far is certainly incomplete, Senterfitt writes, with full data only available so far on the HIV status of 20% of the children in the study. And 076 has given us no data at all on long-term toxic effects of AZT on either mothers or children. AZT, he notes, is a strong and toxic drug: Do we want to risk giving it to the two-thirds of children born to infected mothers who will turn out to be HIV-negative? He points out that there have been numerous anecdotal reports of apparently AZT-induced damage to otherwise healthy newborns which should be investigated fully. Adding to the weight of these reports is the fact that a recent study of AZT in children had to be halted because the drug's damaging side effects outweighed any benefits.

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Around the STATE

by **Laurie McBride**
Executive Director LIFE AIDS Lobby

Oklahoma, Okla-homo: It's One And The Same

The Missing Link. Today's civics lesson- the link between hate speech and hate crimes, brought to you courtesy of the Oklahoma bombing... Subtitled, "America wakes up to 'truth or consequences"

So students, let's see if we have been paying attention... Is there a connection between hate speech and hate crimes? Choosing just one example at random, does the fact that 'fag' and 'dyke' are slurs of choice result in gay-bashing? Does declaring a cultural war against the 'onslaught of militant homosexuals', along with the rest of the rhetoric of war, add to a climate of division, paranoia, and mistrust?

As all America grapples with these and related issues, let's recount the way that hate speech turns into ugly acts that reach out and threaten our lives. Then again, let's not, it's not all that amusing, and it's getting worse. The latest statistics show that hate crimes against us are still number one, and still the most violent.

While Limbaugh and company rush to defend their version of 'free speech' and 'freedom to criticize', we're still fighting to be protected from hate crimes.

Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl's bill to protect gay and lesbian students from discrimination on campus. The bill, co-sponsored by LIFE and the California Teachers Association, didn't pass it's first committee hearing in the State Assembly.

Yes, hundreds of organizations statewide endorsed it. Yes, hundreds of people statewide wrote and called and faxed. Yes, some of those who voted against the bill admitted it should have passed... But they couldn't vote for it, oh no, that was too risky.

So America, let's rephrase the question. What does it mean when legislators are afraid to vote for a 'gay' bill? -- Afraid that such a vote for non-discrimination would be used against them -- by their colleagues and their constituents?

It means the cultural war is raging. You and I are targets. The strategy is to make even the discussion of gay issues 'too dangerous' -- on television shows, in the movies, in books, in politics, in the classroom. Unless, of course, that discussion is negative, demeaning, pejorative.

We can only hope that more Americans wake up to the consequences of hate speech. Oklahoma was a consequence. Gay bashings are a consequence. Discrimination is a consequence.

Our community, perhaps more than any other identifiable American community, is painfully aware of these consequences. Yet even we may be overlooking the most grievous injury of all... The loss of standing for common decency, the loss of civil discourse in our society.

Tolerance, good will, fair play... All have become, in today's world, naive and hopelessly out of step. Compassion, respecting diversity, civility even in critical discourse... No points, no resale value, no ratings.

That public policy follows the political winds, or gives way to them, is not new. And it has always been difficult for the tolerant to stand up against the bigotry of the day, be it abolitionist versus slaver, suffragette versus traditionalist, separatist versus coalitionist.

What is new is the pervasiveness of mean-spirited discourse today. In the worst of cases, hate speech is considered 'truth', supported by wild conspiracy theories. My favorite is that the U.S. government is a mere puppet to a small cabal of homosexual billionaires who have sold the American population to aliens who are setting up mining facilities and factories on the dark side of the moon... (I kid you not.)

But even when hate speech is merely 'entertainment' of the Limbaugh type, we are bombarded by hype that distorts or even betrays the pursuit of truth. In this world, non-discrimination protections for gay and lesbian students becomes "pandering to the homosexual agenda." Too often thoughtful analysis is parodied, and 'hate-tainment' rewarded.

The 'hate-tainers' are not solely responsible. As citizens, we are all responsible. Together we create a society that respects diversity -- or not... that can distinguish between free speech and the rhetorical tricks of hate-mongers -- or not... that holds ourselves and our leaders accountable for the merit of our public statements -- or not.

The political battles of today and tomorrow that will determine the extent of your personal freedom are being fought in the legislature, on the airwaves and in the living rooms of America. Each of us can resist the tidal wave of cynicism and simplistic 'fixes' -- or encourage real discussion of public policy problems and possible solutions. Think about it the next time you or your friends thoughtlessly regurgitate the latest diatribe against 'welfare moms', 'affirmative action', or even that old chestnut, 'political correctness'. Think about it the next time you pass up your chance to vote or support candidates not afraid to speak up on our issues.

Let's work to make equality, equal treatment under the law, access to decent health care, and a realistic safety net a certainty for all Americans.

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QUOTE. UNQUOTE

by Rex Wockner

"Have you seen 'Bar Girls'? Why do they cast heterosexual women in these roles? When two straight women kiss, they always appear to be spitting up in each other's mouths. Is it me, or is there a lot of really big hair in this movie? Why? Are there no butches in the lesbian community? Exactly what do two femmes do in bed? Each other's makeup?"
-Comic Lea Delaria writing in *Los Angeles' Lesbian*.

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"In other cities, they're still in the past. They're fighting each other for I don't know what. I'll be very frank. That says a lot about Chicago. You go to other cities and they're still fighting: 'Well, the gay and lesbian community cannot march in our (St. Patrick's Day) parade.' All of a sudden it's their parade. I thought it was our parade, everybody's parade."
--Mayor Richard Daley. Seventy-five gays marched in Chicago's St. Pat's parade without incident.

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"The large majority of people who enjoy wearing clothes of the opposite gender are heterosexual. They are not any more a part of the gay community than are other heterosexual people. To tack on transgendered in references to the lesbian, gay and bisexual community is nonsensical, and little more than politically correct pandering."
--Chicago's *Windy City Times* in an editorial.

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"(I told her) it didn't make any difference as far as our relationship... I wish she had done it sooner. Keeping a secret like that and trying to live a double life has got to be hard."
--Congressman and former pop star Sonny Bono on the public coming out of his and Cher's daughter Chastity.

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"If you develop an intimate relationship with someone, using a condom to prevent AIDS sends a signal that this act we're doing is about death. And even though there's a social norm now for using a condom, using one still says, 'I'm afraid of what you're going to do to me.' In order to use a condom every time you have sex for the rest of your life, you have to want to. You have to have a desire to live and a belief that that's the way you do it. And an increasing number of us, ten years later, are worried about what the future looks like."
--Derek Hodel of Gay Men's Health Crisis to *New York magazine*. Hodel is HIV-negative.

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"The controversy in New York's gay community over the city's new policy on sex clubs--which is to warn establishments where health inspectors see repeated instances of unsafe sex, and close those that fail to clean up their acts--has become so heated that fist fights are breaking out between AIDS activists who support the policy and those who don't."
--Gay columnist Gabriel Rotello in *New York Newsday*.

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"The gay community has tended to fuse cultural self-expression with political tactics. For us, our right to offend people is a political statement. Unfortunately it's had a negative effect. Too much of our energy has gone into cultural self-expression, and not enough into conventional politics."
--Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to *Mother Jones*.

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"ACT UP's three greatest accomplishments were that we made AIDS a political issue; we changed the image of gay men from limp-wristed fairies to tough warriors; and we got the drug-approval process changed from ten years to, in some cases, less than one year."
--ACT UP founder Larry Kramer to *New York magazine*.
--Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to *Mother*

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The Russian River: Back and Brand New

by **Michael R. Gorman**

For many in Northern California, the weather this year was an irritant, a cause of traffic delays and muddy carpets. For others, the torrential rains were a devastation.

When the Russian River overflowed its banks and flooded Guerneville and the surrounding area in early January, many of the gay and lesbian community's favorite resorts were inundated. Some of them had begun the process of rebuilding when a second flood hit in March.

The main floor of The Willows was awash with two feet of muddy river water. The flooding would have been deeper had the resort's foundation not been raised after the flooding of 1964. As it is, the ground floor, with storage and garages, went totally under water. When the second flood hit, the Russian River Resort (the Triple R) had already been stripped to the studs awaiting rebuilding. Only its top floor escaped soaking. Fifes shut down with similar damage. The Highland Del Inn, redone last year in beautiful Victorian antiques, sustained nearly $300,000 in damage with 7 1/2 feet of water covering its main floor. Though the structures of each building remained sound, they had to be stripped of walls, wiring, plumbing, doors, and flooring.

"You have those moments afterwards when you wonder how you are going to manage to do all the things that need to be done," said Glen Dixon, one of the owners of the Highland Del Inn, "dealing with the county, the feds, the insurance company. But you just do it. I never had a chance to think about it too much because I was so busy. My goal was to get the business back up and running."

Dixon's attitude is reflected in the words of the other owners and managers as well. Few wasted any time bemoaning their fate, but rather, they stood back up, surveyed the damage with an eye to the future, and started working again.

"We are rebuilding as we speak," Kevin Rose, manager of the Russian River Resort, told *the latest ISSUE*. "We're looking to be fully operational by Memorial Day Weekend. The bar may be open by the 19th. This will be a brand new resort. We had to rebuild from the wiring on up. We have a new look, very colorful, very 90's. The whole town is coming back, places opening each day. There will be plenty of places to party that weekend."

Thanks to its higher foundation, The Willows has already opened some of the rooms in the lodge. "A few rooms need some cosmetic work," according to owner Rick Reese, "but the hot tub and the sauna are ready. The showers, community kitchen, and baths for the campers will be ready for the Memorial Day Weekend."

Insurance covered the damage at the resorts, but most of them suffered economic loss due to the nearly four months that they were closed. Even many businesses that remained high and dry suffered a decline of business from the perception outside of the area that the town had shut down.

Lynette McLean, new owner of the Highlands Resort, which is up the hill from the river, told *the latest ISSUE*, "We had no damage during the storms except for

a few fallen tree limbs. People would call us asking, `Is Guerneville open?' After the power outages were fixed, many of the downtown businesses were in operation the very next day. Our guests had no diminished services." Asked about the Highland Resort's new `straight-owned status,' McLean said, "Yes, but we love the clientele that has been coming here. We want to continue to have the Highlands be a wonderful comfortable place for our guests."

The Woods, which was almost sold but is now back on the open market, also sustained no damage during the storms. It will open as scheduled on the Memorial Day Weekend. Likewise, the Applewood Bed and Breakfast sustained no damage, though its owners have recently refurbished it, adding 11 or 12 units.

One gay landmark did sustain damage structurally. The restaurant and bar, Molly Brown's Saloon, needed serious work on its foundation after the flood. Owner Glen Dixon, who with partner Anthony Patchett also owns the Highland Del Inn, said with the usual Russian River optimism, "The silver lining with this kind of disaster is that we will have a brand new everything. All of the resorts will be new. Molly Brown's will be better than ever. We hope to have most of our old staff back."

Willows owner, Rick Reese, concurs. "In a way the flood was a blessing in disguise. It allowed the owners to get low interest loans to redo everything. When these places open back up, they will be much nicer than they were."

Expressing a confidence as exuberant as the resort owners, the organizers of the Russian River Women's Weekend are solidifying plans for the 15th annual women's event to be held in Guerneville June 9 - 11. The event had to be moved from its traditional time in early May in order to take advantage of the reconstruction in the town. The event will coincide with Sonoma County's Lesbian and Gay Pride weekend, and revelers are encouraged to make the short drive to the Santa Rosa events on Sunday.

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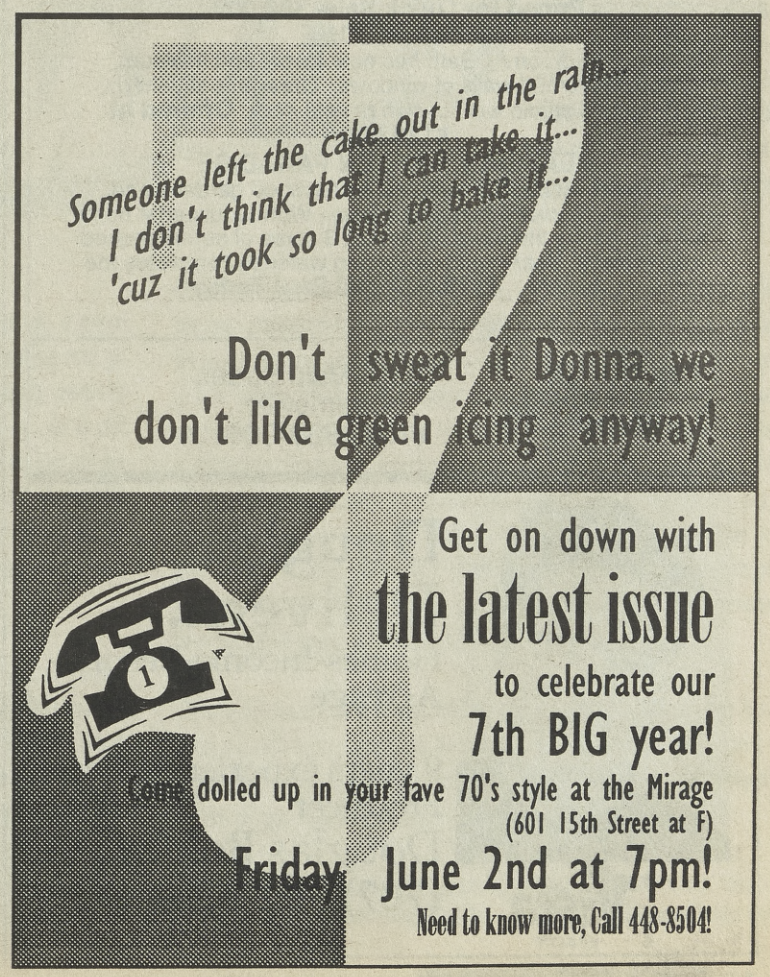
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sue, Mid-April)

In his editorial "Desperately Seeking Adonis," Michael R. Gorman claims that there are a million gay personal ads that look just like the ad that he claims to have seen. Maybe the truth of the matter is that he chose to ignore the multitude of other ads that can be found, and chose to fume over a few ads which didn't have the politically correct "tone" that he finds acceptable? Why does he feel threatened by the "tone" of such ads? Why would he bitterly choose to make ugly assumptions about the writers of those ads? Perhaps everyone in the world is our mirror and that we tend to attack those individuals who have traits that we see and dislike in ourselves?

David Gray

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Popular activities from past Women's Weekends will continue this year. The Wet T-shirt Contest will be hosted by the Triple R. There will be a repeat of last year's popular Fake Orgasm contest. Lalita's Mexican Cantina will hold a Friday evening Welcome Women party. The newly refurbished Jungle Dance Hall (formerly the Ziggurat) will provide disco dancing each night. There will be live entertainment, swimming, horseback riding, a golf tournament, canoeing, hiking, pool parties, cycling, and a triathlon.

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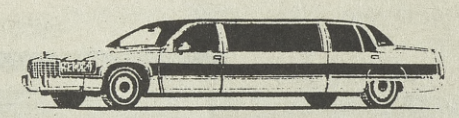

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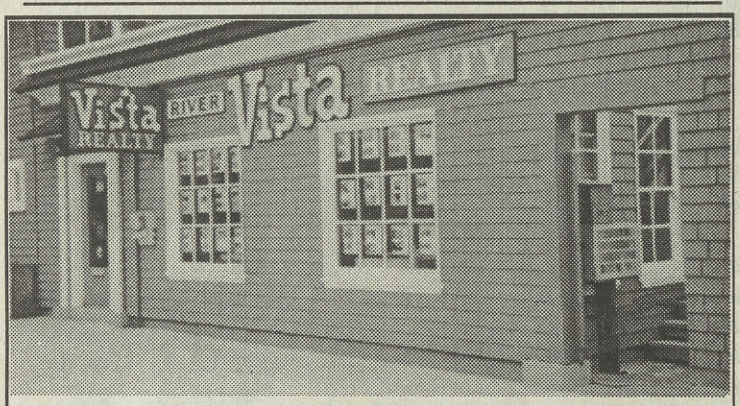

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The Family Next Door Is Gay

by **Steve Chrysler**

A Lesbian family launched a national magazine on Gay Parenting after finding thousands of others who shared the feeling of being isolated and burdenedas a result of being gay and having children.

One big happy family- from left: Gary Rust-Orta, Lisa Orta and Karen Rust.

Lisa Orta and Karen Rust started *The Family Next Door* magazine for lesbian and gay parents and their friends 18 months ago and have learned much from their 5,000+ readers.

"The gay and lesbian community hasn't yet adjusted to this new baby boom that is happening in the community. Being a parent takes more than one or two people. We need the support of the community. We are trying to do that with our newsletter. I think for a lot of us when we came out, we thought that precluded having children in our lives. This whole baby boom is proving that is not true. We can really define how we want to live by choosing parenthood. Being a parent you really straddle the gay community and the mainstream community. Your child is going to operate in both worlds. It's hard. It's hard for people sometimes to make that work," stated Lisa Orta, the magazine's editor.

"When our son, Gary, turned two, (we got) out of the panic stage of parenting and realized that there's more to it than managing the diapers, food, and chicken pox. At that point the child starts developing language. I realized that in all the parenting materials I read, there was nothing in the mainstream parenting press, or in the gay press about dealing with things that were starting to come up for him. There was nowhere I could turn -- to learn how to talk to his teachers. We were lucky to have a supportive pediatrician, but developmentally we saw that there was really a lack of information out there for the parents and for the kids too. So we decided that if something didn't really exist that we would create it ourselves," Orta said, as she explained that she and Karen felt isolated and unable to find sufficient information on how to relate to others (including school counselors, pediatricians, and friends) as a gay family.

Lisa and Karen chose an anonymous donor for Gary's father. Only Gary can find out his father's identity and only when he turns 18. "My partner was much more opposed to a known donor. It has not yet been tested in court about whether or not you can lose custody of the child. And that is a very scary thing," Orta confided. They chose a sperm bank that gave a comprehensive biography that included physical characteristics, hobbies, occupation, and level of education. "Initially we were really scrupulous, but it took me two years to conceive, and the honest truth is by the end of the process we were more interested in sperm count than we were in anything else!"

Orta shared her experience: "For us it has been a very joyous challenge, but its not for everyone. We've lost some friends and gained others. Once you have a child in your lives, the child becomes number one. So, all your priorities shift. For us, a great outing used to be to visit a gay part of town and have coffee and go to the bookstores. Now it's to go to the Zoo. Not everybody wants to go to the Zoo. A lot of our gay friends don't. What we do is not always that exciting." Socially, it wasn't all loss. Orta continued by saying, "The other thing that happened that we were so pleasantly surprised by was that other friends that we wouldn't have even thought would be interested have become very interested, very excited about having Gary in their lives."

"There is a whole side of myself that I didn't know existed until I became a parent. I didn't even know it was in there, that sort of ability to give unconditionally. It's like tapping into this very good side of myself that I didn't know that I had, where I can be less judgmental. I can be open." Orta explained, "The fact that I have a son is so neat for me. I was never very good at being a separatist and always liked having men in my life, and now I've got one who lives in my house."

Lisa and Karen write about 1/3 of *The Family Next Door*. The remainder is from contributing writers and regular columnists. The couple also manage *the magazine's* production and do the initial lay out in their home. Originally distributed by subscription only, it is now available in bookstores nationwide, including Sacramento's Lioness Books.

The Family Next Door covers P-Flag conferences, coming out, a child's journal on life, sperm donor stories, news items pertaining to gay families, traveling with kids, reader's viewpoint stories, how to start a gay and lesbian employee group, and domestic partnership benefits. The advertisers include the Episcopal Church, adoption and sperm bank agencies, and other services gay families need, from automotive to legal.

Orta was surprised that the magazine, which was primarily produced for gay-parented families and people considering parenting, would be purchased by psychotherapists, libraries, school districts, and even a few sperm banks. The magazine reshaped itself quickly. Orta explains, "Our initial concept was a little bit different from what the publication has turned into because at the outset we...expected a lot of people writing in with questions, comments, and experiences. But, the truth is, being a parent makes a person very very busy. We've had to be a lot more proactive than we initially planned, in terms of finding material. We've had to do a lot more outreach to get people to actually be involved in writing for us."

Orta's previous work prepared her for the role of editor. She has been a public high school teacher and a technical writer . Not surprisingly, *The Family Next Door* has a crisp, professional look,with lots of photos of gay families, authors, and celebrities.

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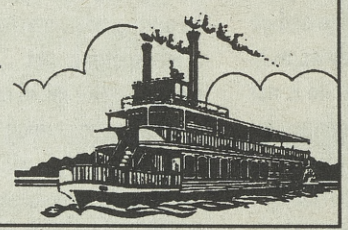

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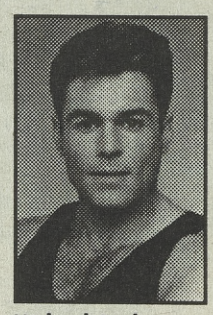
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by Chris Narloch

There are many interpretations of the word 'family' --- to discount the unconditional love offered by pets would be a narrow definition indeed.

I can only speak for myself, but whereas the boyfriends come and go, my golden retriever has never done me wrong yet.

For almost a century, the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) has provided the Sacramento area with critically needed animal welfare support. The society primarily serves the 998 square-mile area of Sacramento County and is interested in giving care and relief to all animals in distress -- rescuing the lost, aiding the injured, treating the sick, receiving the unwanted or homeless and placing them up for adoption in new homes. However, of prime concern is the prevention of cruelty to animals.

The Sacramento SPCA receives no funding for its activities, but rather relies totally upon donations to meet its operating expenses. Currently, the Society has less than 10,000 members, whose concern provides support services for a community of nearly one milion people. The Society currently offers a pet adoption center, a low-cost spay and neuter clinic, a lost and found service and an active humane education program. The Society also operates a 24-hour animal rescue service and employs State Humane Officers who conduct investigations and enforce State Penal Code anti-cruelty statutes.

Adoption fees range from $26.94 for an altered cat to $53.87 for a female dog. The cost of adopting an animal from the Shelter includes the cost of having the animal altered, at least one distemper vaccination, and a 'good health' guarantee. Animals over 3 months of age must be spayed or neutered before leaving the Shelter. All animals adopted from the Shelter are provided with a complimentary health check donated by members of the Sacramento Valley Medical Association.

As a charitable, non-profit organization, the SSPCA relies totally on adoption fees, spay and neuter deposits, membership dues, private donations and endowments to meet operating expenses. At the time of surrender a donation is requested (but not required) to help defray the cost of boarding.

The Shelter houses unwanted, abandoned (not stray) and debilitated animals for an indefinite period of time. The factors affecting the length of stay are health, temperament, space availability and how it adapts to the Shelter environment. Appearance or breeding are not a consideration. Every animal is treated individually, and there is no set time that an animal will be kept. At least 50% of the adoptable dogs and 40% of the adoptable cats left at the Shelter will be placed into new homes through their efforts.

Anyone who adopts a dog or cat from the Shelter has 15 days to determine if the animal will work out at their home. If the animal does not prove suitable, the person may bring the animal back and receive a refund of the spay/neuter fees only. Another animal may be chosen in exchange for the one they returned, provided they do so within six months.

The SSPCA never turns an animal away. However, it does not place animals up for adoption that are sick, vicious or wild. Special arrangements can be made for animals that are pregnant or injured, and pet owners are warned that the older the animal, the poorer its chances for adoption. If an animal is unsuitable for placement for the above reasons, it is humanely put to sleep.

The SSPCA does not sell animals to research labs nor are they affiliated with any shelter or organization that does. The SSPCA supports efforts to develop research models and education programs that increase awareness of the need for humane treatment of all animals. The Sacramento SPCA is located at 6201 Florin-Perkins Road and can be reached at (916) 383-7387.

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The State of Gay Adoption Rights

by Glenn Murray

The scene -- gay activists disrupting a public appearance by the governor -- is by now a familiar sight in Wilson-era California. But the nature of this protest, staged May 13 at the graduation ceremonies for Sacramento's McGeorge Law School, must have struck Wilson as somehow different from those he had brushed off previously.

You may have glimpsed them on the television news that night; two women, later identified as Lesbian Avengers, ran on stage waving signs saying, "LET QUEERS ADOPT" and "STOP WOOING THE RADICAL RIGHT!" They were quickly hustled away by security, leaving behind only a cryptic distillation of their cause.

Lesbian Avengers? Queer adoption? Radical right? What's going on?

Quite a lot, as it turns out.

In the unpredictable patchwork of American civil law in 1995 our rights as gay and lesbian Americans largely depend on where we live, and California rates pretty well on several counts. No, we cannot marry (nor can we in the other 49), but at least our sex is legal, and yes, we can adopt. In fact, hundreds of adoptions have been granted to openly lesbian and gay parents in California over the last ten years.

This should be a cause for celebration. So why the protest?

The answer lies, as do so many of our problems, with the actions of Governor Wilson. Because of orders Wilson gave in March making it more difficult for gays to adopt, he is now seen by many as an outright foe of gay adoptions, kowtowing to the radical right at the expense of our civil rights, as he has done in the past (the veto of AB101, the state gay rights bill; the veto of the state domestic partners bill; etc).

Hence the protest by the Lesbian Avengers, the in-your-face interruption of Wilson's address to the law graduates at Arco Arena.

The problem with much of the discourse on this issue, as with much of recent political discourse in this country, is that the cast of characters shown by the media (Pete Wilson, The Lesbian Avengers, The Radical Right) are commanding center stage with not much more than ideological catch phrases and political posturing that have little to do with the actual workings of gay adoptions. It is those who do, those who are daily working the front lines of gay parental rights, whom we would do well to meet, and with whom we should open a regular dialogue.

Rachel Ginsburg is an Oakland attorney who has successfully guided many lesbians and gay men through the adoption process. Ginsburg was also kind enough to guide me through the tangled array of regulations that comprise the process.

Adoptions, she explained, are granted by county courts, but are closely governed by policies and laws set at the state level. When a potential parent applies for an adoption, a county caseworker is assigned to interview the applicant and study theapplicant's home life. The worker then writes a report ending with a recommendation for or against adoption. The case then goes before a judge, who makes the final ruling on the adoption.

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From 1987 to 1994, said Ginsburg, state policies required caseworkers to ultimately recommend against any adoption where the prospective parents were not married. However, judges had the authority to ignore the recommendation and grant the adoption anyway.

As part of their efforts to place as many children as they could into good homes, judges granted thousands of adoptions to unmarried couples and single parents during this period, to both gay and straight people.

At the end of 1994, continued Ginsburg, the situation changed. When new policies went into effect that removed the requirement that the adoptive parents be married. Unfortunately, when Governor Wilson heard of the new policies and of *Bee* columnist Dan Walters' plans to write about the change, he rescinded them, claiming that the state Department of Social Services overstepped its bounds in setting the new policies. He went on to explain that encouraging adoptions by non-married parents would undermine traditional family structures.

Meanwhile, a new law unrelated to the aforementioned policies went into effect on January 1, 1995. Known as the Bergeson Law, it, in part, requires that birth mothers undergo counseling before giving up their children for adoption. Though not directed specifically at gays and lesbians, the Bergeson Law is affecting our community because it is vague and poorly-written according to Ginsburg. The law makes no provision for missing birth mothers, foreign-born babies, or cases where the birth mother is not giving up her baby but is seeking for a second parent to adopt the child.

Because of the uncertainties surrounding the Bergeson Law and the DSS policies, adoption for lesbians and gay men have come to a near standstill, as the counties wait for further directives from the state. Ginsburg says that she has had no adoptions go through for her clients since mid-January.

Rachel Ginsburg does not see herself as an activist or pioneer for gay civil rights. She sums up her philosophy succinctly, speaking in a friendly, direct manner that doesn't quite belie an underlying tone of conviction:

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Liz Frederickson is the director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. ("Think of us as the lesbian ACLU," says Liz.) The NCLR was instrumental in helping achieve the first gay adoption in the country and is still at the forefront of the battle to secure adoptive rights for lesbian and gay men.

"Where do we go from here?" asked Frederickson, who came across in our interviews as a seasoned negotiator whose conversational style exhibits an intriguing mix of aggression and caution.

"We expect that lesbian and gay men will continue to adopt in California," she said, pointing out that Wilson's actions haveresulted in "a return to old policy under which we have adopted throughout the last decade."

regarding the Bergeson Law, Frederickson said, "It's not an absolute barrier. The law wasn't passed having anything to do with [lesbians and gay men]. The state is going through the process of figuring out the new law and how it applies to lesbian and gay households."

How it all turns out is anyone's guess, thanks to the unpredictability of political and social trends. Both Frederickson and Ginsburg would prefer that the current difficulties confronting gay adoptions be resolved through negotiations with the state.

If negotiations are ultimately concluded by those with the most knowledge of the situation, there is good reason to expect that adoptions by lesbians and gay men will continue, according to those who work with such adoptions. If gay adoptions turn into an emotionally infused, politically charged issue, the end results may be based more on politics and emotions than on what is best for the children.

Superb Short Stories For Gay Teenagers

by **Chris Narloch**

Marion Dane Bauer, editor of *Am I Blue?*

Am I Blue? Coming Out From The Silence," an excellent new anthology of sixteen stories for gay teenagers, should be on the shelf at every high school in the land. I only wish there had been a book like this when I was a kid.

Considering the fact that one out of ten teens attempts suicide, and one out of three of those because of concerns about being homosexual, this book's gay-positive message should be required reading in public schools.

The title story, "Am I Blue?," gets the collection off to a great start with a particularly funny story about a sissy who gets gay-bashed at school until his fairy godfather shows up to teach him about `gaydar' and help him come out. Together the pair turn every gay person a shade of blue for a day to show that there is, indeed, power in numbers.

Next up is a moving story called "We Might As Well All Be Strangers" which details the experience of a girl named Alison, who comes out to her grandmother (who, in sympathy, recounts her own childhood persecution as a Jew in Germany just before Hitler came to power.)

My favorite of the bunch is "Winnie And Tommy," about two free-spirited teens on a weekend trip to San Francisco. Vivid and poignant, this story of a skateboarder who finally comes out to his girlfriend is a wonderful tale of loss and forgiveness.

"Slipping Away" is a similar tribute to letting go and concerns the friendship between two young girls on summer break, one of whom has ambiguous, and unrequited, feelings for her playmate.

"The Honorary Shepherds" just misses the mark with a typical tale of two young men who fall in love while working on a class project together. Much better is "Running," a simple, straightforward depiction of a tomboy whose budding feelings for other females emerge when her older sister brings home a friend who turns out to be a lesbian.

The recurring theme of self-realization turns up again in "Three Mondays In July," about a sixteen-year old boy who meets his first gay person, an older man sunbathing at the beach. Their platonic friendship helps him see that he is not alone.

In "Parent's Night," rebels Karen and Roxy rock the boat at their school by helping to create a new club called the Gay-Straight-Bisexual Alliance. In the process, they fall in love with each other.

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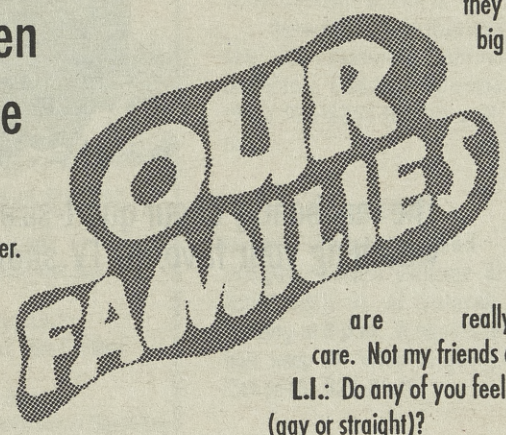
Kids Of Gay Parents Speak Out

by **David Borad**

Parenting in the 1990's is difficult for anyone. Gay and lesbian parents, however, face unique problems. In the wake of the Sharon Bottoms case in Virginia (where the State Supreme Court ruled she was an unfit mother due to her sexual orientation), gay and lesbian parents have even more to fear -- losing their children at the whim of the courts.

The argument used in Virginia maintained Ms. Bottoms' sexual orientation would be damaging to her son and would result in the community discriminating against him and condemning him for her 'lifestyle'. To gay and lesbian parents this is a chilling thought; after all, we want only the best possible life for our kids. *The latest ISSUE* sent me out to talk to a group of teens who have gay or lesbian parents and see what they thought about having a parent who was out of the closet.

On a quiet Sunday afternoon, I sat for an hour talking with Mack, Tyler, and Karen. Mack, 13, has a gay father. Tyler, 14, and Karen, 13, both have lesbian mothers. All three kids are junior high school students. Below are some of their feelings about their parents and their lives:



L.I.: What is it like growing up with a gay parent?

Mack: Well, for me it's like, I like growing up with a gay parent better than I enjoy growing up with a straight one because it's just like they are more open about things. And they know what it is like to be discriminated against. And as a young person you get discriminated against too. So they know what it's like, and they are more open if you need to talk to them. So they can be your friend and your parent at the same time.

L.I.: Have you had any problems with your friends knowing about your folks?

Karen: No. My closest friends know. And my other friends, they can probably tell but they don't make a big deal.

Tyler: I don't know, I tell all my friends. They think it's kind of weird at first, but they get used to it.

L.I.: Do you all three have pretty good relationships with your folks?

Mack: Yeah. There is always the discrimination thing. But when they are really your friends, your friends don't really care. Not my friends at any rate.

L.I.: Do any of you feel any pressure to be one way or the other (gay or straight)?

(All): No.

L.I.: Is there tension with your straight parent about you having

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JUNE 9

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MAY 21

The 12th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization -The San Francisco observance of the event, will begin at 8 p.m. at Castro and Market Streets with a peaceful candlelight procession to City Hall. For info call (415) 863-4676.

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JUNE 3

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The Caregiving Partnership: Learning the Art of Give and Take - K.A.I.R.O.S. workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. New workshop provides persons affected by HIV and their caregiver an opportunity to clarify expectations & limits and enhance communication. For more info call (415) 861-0877.

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JUNE 17

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MOVIES

by Chris Narloch

Two Hot Hispanic Hits Highlight The Family

My Family (Mi Familia), an epic new film directed by Gregory Nava, is probably the best movie to date about the immigrant experience of Mexican-Americans.

Starring Jimmy Smits, Esai Morales and Edward James Olmos, this multi-generational saga captures the joy and pain of life in East L.A. with surprising grace and dignity.

The movie spans three decades in the lives of the Sanchez family, rooted in Mexico and California. Their story is filled with love and loss, birth and death, violence and forgiveness -- in short, everything that marks the American experience. And since it deals specifically with the Mexican-American experience, the movie offers a vivid portrait of Chicano culture.

Smits and Morales play brothers Jimmy And Chucho, two troubled young men growing up on the outskirts of East Los Angeles. Both characters have their own brushes with the law; one man escapes tragedy, and the other does not. What makes the movie unique is its ability to take such typical movie sub-plots and make them seem fresh. Director Nava effortlessly connects the multiple storylines and fleshes out a dozen or more different characters along the way.

Olmos portrays Paco, an aspiring writer in the Sanchez clan, who narrates his family's history. The acting is first-rate throughout the film, but it's Smits who makes the strongest impression as a man who shuts down after the loss of his wife and has difficulty connecting with his son. An emotional love scene between Jimmy and his wife is particularly moving since their marriage evolves from one of convenience into a deep and passionate bond.

There are countless memorable scenes -- a sequence at a dance that turns into a gang fight; one in which a housekeeper is deported by immigration officers even though she is a U.S. citizen; and a lavish wedding featuring Mexican singing star Eugenia Leon and the Los Camperos mariachi band. Moments like these, along with a terrific music score and some beautiful cinematography, make "My Family" a near-classic of ethnic movie-making.

Marisa Tomei heats up the tepid *Perez Family*.

THE PEREZ FAMILY

Another family saga, Mira Nair's new movie, looks at a Cuban clan who come to Miami to look for the American dream. Marisa Tomei put on fifteen pounds for her sultry role in the film, and she looks voluptuous with a long, wild mane of hair and curves that won't quit. The movie, alas, is not as well put together.

Tomei plays Dottie Perez, a fiery free-spirit determined to escape the sugar-cane fields of Cuba for a 'perfect life' in the U.S. -- she loves Elvis Presley and John Wayne. Tomei is over-the-top in her first big dramatic role -- she's frequently seen dancing or having sex -- and her passionate performance jump-starts the movie every time she's on screen. Her Cuban accent may be a little rocky, but her hips have a lovely language all their own.

Angelica Huston and Alfred Molina give able support as Carmela and Juan Perez, an immigrant couple separated for twenty years who are reunited in Florida after Juan gets out of a Cuban prison. Before Juan actually finds Carmela, he falls in love with Dottie, his fellow traveler on the boatlift. And Huston's character, grown tired of waiting for her long-lost husband, falls for a Miami cop (played by Chazz Palminteri.) It's the classic story of star-crossed lovers, tossed by fate, only set in Little Havana this time.

Indian director Nair tries hard to give expression to the plight of strangers in a strange land, and she succeeds in several scenes, as when Dottie refuses to be disappointed even though she ends up selling flowers in the middle of a busy Miami street. The vibrant look to the film, and its spicy Latin soundtrack are also authentic. The whole movie has a strong sensual feel that seems a direct result of it being directed by a woman.

It's the script that goes haywire, operating in fits and starts and jumping all over the place. At its best, as when Dottie, a survivor, must pull together several (unrelated) Perez's and form a family to fool immigration authorities, "The Perez Family" works. It made me think, oddly enough, about the intense devotion to `familia' in Hispanic culture, and how it's not really so different from the concept of `family' adopted by the gay community.

It's trite but true -- love IS all it takes to make a family.

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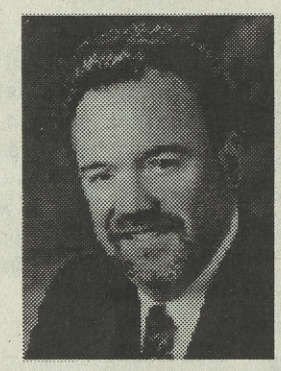

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MUSIC

by **Bill Peterson**

Flashback! It's the Eighties Again!

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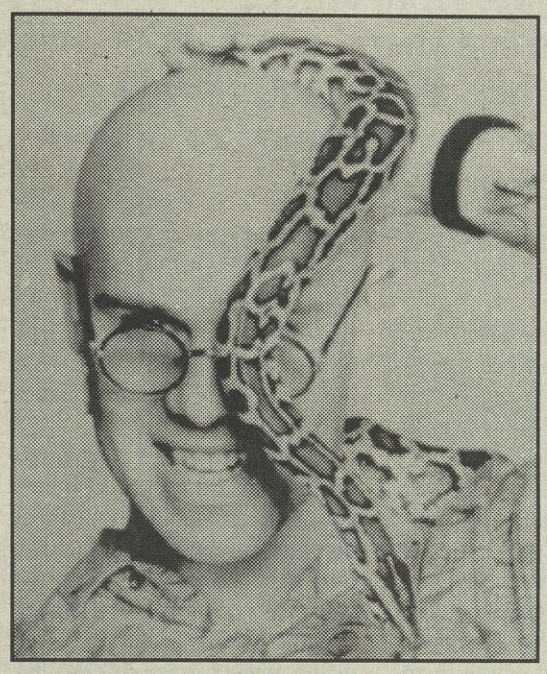

Shelly Gazin

Thomas Dolby gets crazy with his snake.

With the release of "**More music from the Soundtrack Valley Girl,**" this longstanding goal has finally been achieved! Opening with this song ("Girls Like Me" by Bonnie Hayes & The Wild Combo), this collection gathers several early '80's gems into a baby-blue eyeshadowed joy that should bring back many fond memories! Remember when the cute delivery boy came a callin', as Sparks "Eaten by the Monster of Love" played? Contributions also include hits of the time that weren't in the movie, like Toni Basil's "Mickey", Total Coelo's "I Eat Cannibals" and the hilarious "Marina Men" by Valley Girls ("goin to the disco/searchin for some meat/ Lookin for a ten, but you'll settle for a three"). If you loved the movie, this collection (and last year's first volume) are, like, totally necessary!

While on the subject of 80's collections, "**Retrospectacle: The Best of Thomas Dolby**" covers twelve years' worth of quirky techno-pop, from the early Andy Partridge-produced "Europa and the Pirate Twins," and 1982's classic (but annoying!) "She Blinded Me With Science," to Dolby's later, more fleshed out work, including the Cajun-spiced, minor hit, "I Love You Goodbye."

Along with some solid non-hit songs, the real treat on this collection is "Cruel," Dolby's 1992 duet with Eddi Reader (formerly of Fairground Attraction), which gently revisits the Beach Boys sound of "God Only Knows."

Another staple of early 80's radio is captured on "**16 Strokes: The Best of Billy Squier,**" which includes "The Stroke" and Squier's other few hits ("In The Dark," "Everybody Wants You"), mixed in with other similar tracks. Running in the same crowd as Loverboy and Foreigner, the nostalgia of Squier's music only lasts so long before you'll be skipping through this quickly.

50 Words or Less

Todd Slater

Blessid Union of Souls

Basketball Diaries Soundtrack
A modern rock accompaniment to the film of Jim Carroll's life. PJ Harvey, Soundgarden and the Cult score high marks as does the Pearl Jam/Carroll collaboration. The Posies' "Coming Right Along" best captures the strung-out feel of Carroll's experiences on the streets.

Blessid Union of Souls: Home You may know the hit single, "I Believe" from VH1 or the radio, but don't think the band is a one-hit wonder. This foursome creates a solid debut by fusing vocals and positivity-oriented lyrics that recall PM Dawn with acoustic music that, at times, sounds a lot like early Elton John.

High Society Soundtrack
Debuting on CD, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly breeze through Cole Porter's tunes from the 1956 film. Red Hot & Blue fans will sing along on "Well Did You Evah?" and "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire."

Technotronic Recall
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Off the Edge

by **Stacy Selmants**

Unless you are a newt -- and became part of this earth after hatching from an egg -- sometime, somewhere, you had (or still have) a mother. Which means you probably just survived another bout of that pit of your stomach,

I-ate-some-bad-sushi feeling we like to call Hallmark Hell -- or Mother's Day.

Those of us who are NOT the offspring of Donna Reed clones just muddle along trying to coexist as adults with whatever matriarchal unit we were assigned. In real life (as opposed to say... entering the Bradys' universe) our mom might just be a bored, suburban and overly hormonal woman with way too much time on her hands. Or she might be at the other end of the mom spectrum and actually be a deranged PTA President who secretively strangles the neighbors' pets at night. ("I had to kill it," that kind of Mom protests, "Their iguana looks JUST LIKE that butch Attorney General Janet Reno!")

Keep in mind it's all relative. Literally. In other words, unless you are a test tube baby, chances are you're genetically related to her! Now doesn't THAT scare you? (Take comfort that there are support groups out there, such as the newly formed ACOMWKI, or Adult Children of Moms Who Kill Iguanas.)

In earlier lifetimes this column has devoted many inches (size queens, take note!) to exploiting the misadventures of my very own mother, the Suburban Guerrilla. On numerous occasions I have been called upon to rescue her from the clutches of law enforcement personnel due to her anarchic actions against the DMV.

Yep. For a while there, my mom -- the WASPy, well-bred babe who beat manners into me with a soup spoon ("No Wire Hangers!") -- was being regularly threatened with arrest for her stubborn insistence on driving her dusty Buick with expired registration tags and a complete disregard for social niceties such as possessing an actual driver's license.

When confronted about this regular, somewhat embarrassing lapse in vehicle compliance she would cleverly try to deflect attention away from the issue by chirping, "But don't these pumps look so VERY smart with this suit?" I generally responded by reminding her that handcuffs REALLY clash with woolen daywear. (Yes, Large Marge HAS taught me some fashion tips -- like accessorizing -- over the last few years.)

These strange-but-true anecdotes just serve to establish that over the years, I have developed some helpful coping strategies for dealing with traditional Mom vs. Kid issues. To wit:

Learn to shut up and nod. (Works on the phone too, but instead use the noncommittal "Uh, huh.") Trust me, there are many times when you have, say, about as much chance of winning an argument with your mom as you do in being retroactively elected Student Body President or Homecoming Queen by the Class of 1984. Remember that this is the woman who -- as the answer to many of your childhood questions -- responded "Because I SAID so."

Be selective in what you share with her. Just because you met your latest hunky plaything at an after-hours party in the Castro featuring lots of beer, various sexual lubricants and men wearing nothing but their socks doesn't mean you have to TELL her that. Tell her you met him at church. See if she believes it. If she does, tell her you heard her car alarm go off and while she anxiously checks, rifle her purse for cash.

Fight back occasionally. When she launches into a long, anguished, guilt-producing spiel rehashing all the pain you ever caused her, especially during childbirth, perkily note that your brother's head was MUCH bigger.

Order another round of drinks. Yes, relying on a few drinks may be a crutch, but with your mom, you may actually need something more -- like a wheelchair. However, this strategy may not work if Mom's a Mormon. Or been to the Betty Ford Center recently.

Hope these edgy suggestions are of some help. At press time I'm preparing for Mother's Day, by practicing my silent nodding, choosing which drinks to order for brunch and locating those lost pictures of my brother's large head.

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Rumor has it

by **Stephanie Carlisle**

Texas Chainsaw Mascara -- I know its a line stolen from 'Priscilla', but its also a fitting description of MY Coronation Weekend.

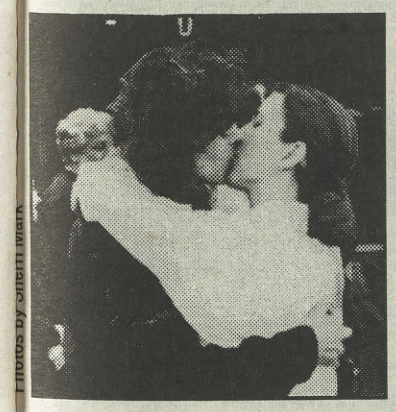
I am left feeling hungover... and seem to have an ongoing fascination with make-up.

Congrats to **Emperor and Empress XXII Paul and Shondra.**

Andrew, Gina and Kaye wait to go in to see "Bar Girls."

I would liked to have talked to you at the Coronation, but I thought I would catch you at the first business meeting, which seems to have been put off... I know that the new Hall of Regents being put to together by **Emperor XVI and XIX Paul** will keep you kids from doing anything rash.

On a more serious note, my friend **Wayde Winsley** passed away from AIDS on April 25, after a four-year battle with the virus. I loved him, and want to say to his partner **Larry Maderos** that when my time comes, I hope to have the kind of loving attention that Wayde was afforded to the end.



Girls doing what girls do best.

The **Sacramento Symphony's** gala fundraiser for the **AIDS Foundation** held on April 22 featured vocalist Donna Theodore who sang several Judy Garland tunes and received standing ovations from the audience. Being a big fan of Judy (surprise!), I wish I had been there... not to mention the dessert reception and martini tasting at **A Shot of Class** after the performance.

The latest ISSUE sponsored the premier of the movie "Bar Girls" at the Tower Theater on April 19 and both the screening and the party afterwards at Faces was a big hit. Although the film was on the low-budget side, it is always interesting to see ourselves on the big screen and our issues discussed.

Another event that was attended by nearly every lesbian in Sacramento was the **Melissa Etheridge** concert at Cal Expo. Wet women were everywhere in bright colored rain slickers with plastic bags covering their doomed hair styles. Melissa was awsome despite the rain and cold.

Bar Girl?

Seen at the concert was none other than **Angie**, who has been known to ban Etheridge's music from her home. Now why the big change? -- New girlfriend -- she'll do almost anything for love.

Latest ISSUE Office Manger, **Lori Friedli** has a birthday coming on May 19. Oh!, to be 33 again!

Happy 5th anniversary to **Joei and Donna.**

May 2 marked the 15th anniversary for **Stan and Mark**. Stan still observes the day, since Mark died in 1994.

The **Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival** has announced that it has reserved the weekend of October 19 - 21 for its fourth annual event. The process of selecting films has begun and the committee will be accepting submissions from the public. If you are interested in submitting a work, or just volunteering for this event, call the official festival number at (916) 484-5636.

Rumor has it that this year's **Lambda Freedom Fair** is going to be the grandest production ever. Organizer **Michael Kramer** is excited about the fact that there will be a record number of booths and two stages for entertainment. Musical groups include **Black Box, Second Wind and Laura Bowly.** Non-musical entertainment will be provided by **the Lambda Players, Capital City Squares,** comic **Sequita Whitfield,** and an invitational poetry reading/contest. All this takes place at the State Capitol on June 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last year's Freedom Fair drew 18 - 20,000 people according to the ***Sacramento Bee.***

In conjunction with the **Lambda Freedom Fair** this year is a "10 Days of Pride" week before the Fair, including ***the latest ISSUE***'s 7th Year Celebration on June 2 at the **Mirage.** (Look for the 10 Days of Pride Schedule on page 5.)

On June 3, the **(Capitol Political Action Committee) CAPPAC** dinner will be held at the new Convention Center. It promises to be a great event.

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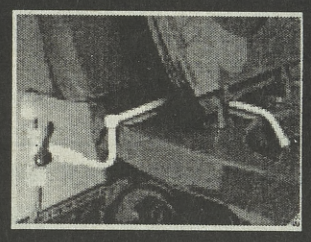

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by **Stephen Luse**

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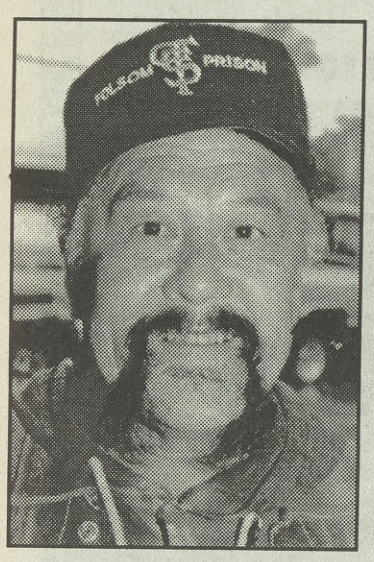
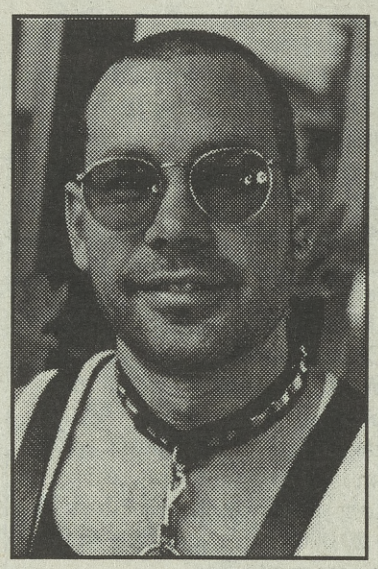


David Mana-ay

"To be a service to God, my country and my fellow human being."

Franci Davis

"To be a correctional officer."



Duane Peterson

"To be a professional dancer/ gay playmate."

Christine Nehlich

"To be happy, successful & joyous with with people."

Shondra

"To be remembered as a person that contributed something to the community."

THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS Social Life OF ETHAN GREEN.
by Eric Orner.
You find a card from Etienne in your jeans. He must've given it to you at the party. You can't remember.
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His kitchen staff tries his patience and saps his creativity. He has this acolyte, Leesa, who tells you all this in his living room while he's showering.
So then Leslie, his assistant, goes "who put apple puree on the foie gras?"
I mean, can you imagine? Well Ettie, I call him Ettie. He just hates that.
The things I do for sex...
Etienne tells Margot to leave. You make love on his balcony overlooking the street...
adieux Margot...
This is an intoxicating place. You wonder if they let Americans work here. Given the last election, you wonder if they let Americans live here.
By all means, go... take my kid sister with you.
Leesa's buzzing from downstairs. It's 4pm and Etienne's due at the restaurant—(apparently she drives him)—he tells you to stay in bed and wait for him. You do as you are told.

ZODIAC

by C. Lichtenstein

Gather ground the maypole, kids, May is the time to dance in the sun.

It's time to bask in the solar sensual energy of Sun in Taurus before we energize our minds with the Sun in Gemini. May can bring us more than we bargained for. Uranus, the planet of surprise finally changes signs and moves into unorthodox Aquarius. Don't ya just love an explosion or two?

ARIES

Despite the unpredictable behavior of friends, you feel in control in May, speaking your mind (as usual...) and doing pretty much what you want. Most activities that depend on the kindness of strangers may run into snags and delays. Ultimately, this frustration could unfurl a loose and rather nasty tongue.

TAURUS

Queer robust Bulls trot happily through their summer pastures, blissfully unconcerned about the trials and tribulations of their careers or the problems associated with friends. Professional surprises can be handled with a little common sense and sometimes pals need to learn from their own mistakes.

GEMINI

Meet and greet sweetheart. Your mind is sharp and you will express yourself in the most advantageous way. Strike early, before Mercury runs aground at the end of the month. At that time, you will certainly place your foot squarely in your mouth at any and every opportunity!

CANCER

What was absolutely intolerable in another person may seem almost delightful and forgivable now. You do look pretty in pink, but take the rose-colored glasses off! Tear away the veil of delusion in order to avoid nasty surprises.

LEO

Your career merrily rolls along despite petty annoyances on the day to day job. Well everything in life needs a balance of good and bad, dear. It is possible to make an excellent, if overwhelming, first impression on others now and then. Be able to cash it in for some real future security.

VIRGO

Not only do you get high on champagne, but even the thought of drink or drug will get you high as a kite. Fun may have a way of getting a little out of hand, if you are not careful. On the bright side, you will have all the energy you need to volunteer for our causes as well as enjoy any faraway travel or exotic studies. Get high on creativity!

LIBRA

Problems continue on the job, but it may be because you have a lesson or two to learn before you can really surge ahead. Happily, partnerships bring you contentment and any activities involving friendships will bring back the old Libran smile. Join a group of like-minded people to really feel empowered and proud.

SCORPIO

You continue to reevaluate how your life has been going and may make some incredible strides in how others evaluate you. Don't fight these changes; the idea is that change is often good for you whether you realize it or not! Surprises occur at home and may involve more day to day tasks or added work.

SAGITTARIUS

Don't listen to those who offer you financial advice. Things are simply not what they appear to be and you could lose the whole bundle! Continue to write and express yourself to whoever will listen. Surprises are in store where communication is concerned.

CAPRICORN

"Who am I?" you ask yourself. This month, the answer may be, "I really don't know." Don't panic or despair. The answer can be found within yourself. Pull back from the world and take time out to listen carefully to your inner voice through mediation or spirituality.

AQUARIUS

Look at your appearance! What are you wearing?! Others who may not know you as well as I do may simply assume you have finally gone off the edge. Who cares? As a true and unorthodox Aquarian, I'm sure you won't give others' opinions a second thought! Be who you are and be proud!

PISCES

It may be time to pull up the streets and nestle in the comfort of your home. You feel happy and secure there and seem to have reserves of energy just waiting to be put to good use. Entertain at home. Meanwhile, don't rely on your intuition to provide you with any usable insights.

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"Michael's Little Sister" is another funny, rendering of a student romance, this time between senior stud, Walt, and confused junior, Michael. When a bully calls him a `fag', the younger man's little sister punches the guy out.

"Blood Sister," we get a more adult lesbian tale of an all-female clan of warriors living in the mountains. Lovers Selma and Marda are separated by fate in this affecting story of sister soulmates.

Loss as a fact of life is dealt with in two good male stories, "Holding" and "Hands." In "Holding," caring teen Willie travels to comfort his grieving father after dad loses his "husband" to AIDS. And in "Hands," a budding poet is befriended by an older man who had been fired from his job for being gay. The boy loses his mentor to AIDS, but keeps his spirit alive through poetry.

In "50% Chance Of Lightning," two young women of color, one gay and one straight, bond and plan their futures after high school.

The only real clinker in "Coming Out" is "In The Tunnels," a harsh depiction of an affair between two Vietnamese soldiers during the conflict there. Bizarre and violent, this war-time love story struck me as totally out of place amongst the other more gentle pieces. Editor Marion Dane Bauer rebounds, and closes out the book, with her own semi-autobiographical story about two spunky girls who get tossed out of Catholic school when the nuns find out they've pushed their beds together.

Sixteen different authors, some gay, some straight, contributed to the anthology, and royalties from the book are being shared with Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) for their Respect All Youth Project, whose mission is to disseminate information about healthy sexuality to young people.

"Am I Blue? Coming Out From The Silence" is available from Harper Collins Publishers.

KIDS

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a relationship with your gay parent?

K.: My dad and step-mom hate my mother, and when they found out she was a lesbian they, like, hated her even more.

M.: They both think I'm going to turn gay, but I'm not.

T.: My dad is cool. When my parents got divorced they were married for 25 years so my dad and my mom are still pretty good friends. We go to movies and stuff.

L.I.: Are any of your folks in a relationship?

T.: My mom just got out of one.

M.: My dad is starting a relationship.

L.I.: I know when I was in school one of the things, one of the insults you would hear is 'You're such a queer' or 'Fag' or 'That's so gay' ...

M.: I get mad when people say that. I have a lot of friends who have gay parents and stuff...

L.I.: Do you ever stand up and say something about it?

M.: I beat people up for it.

L.I.: Karen?

K.: I just say "Guys, get a life." I stand up for what I think or what I believe in. So, I just don't allow it around me.

L.I.: What's bad about having a gay parent?

(All): (shaking their heads) Nothing.

L.I.: Just sort of like having a parent?

T.: I think they're more open and listen to you.

L.I.: (to Mack) You were saying your father was in a relationship for 5 years. Did you treat that person like a step-parent?

M.: Not really. I did for a little while, but he was just basically a friend.

We continued awhile longer, and the conversation drifted away from gay and lesbian parents and in to a crash course for me in being a teenager in 1995. They talked about movies and music, going out with friends and getting through school. It was encouraging talking to them. For them, and their other friends with gay and lesbian parents it doesn't seem to matter that a parent (or anyone else) is homosexual.

Later, I was talking with Mack's father. With Mack's permission, he shared with me some comments he's made in the past. Two comments seemed to sum up what it is like to have a gay or lesbian parent. Commenting on the myth of gays being child molesters Mack said, "I know why people think that. Gay people treat kids with respect. They treat them like people instead of just kids. And so kids and gay people have a special relationship, and I think straight parents don't understand it and think something else must be going on."

Another time he said, "my mom's straight friends treat me like a kid. My dad's gay friends treat me like a person."

Comments like that from a teenager are astounding, yet all three kids seemed to carry that theme throughout our interview. Tyler, Mack, and Karen would make any parent proud.

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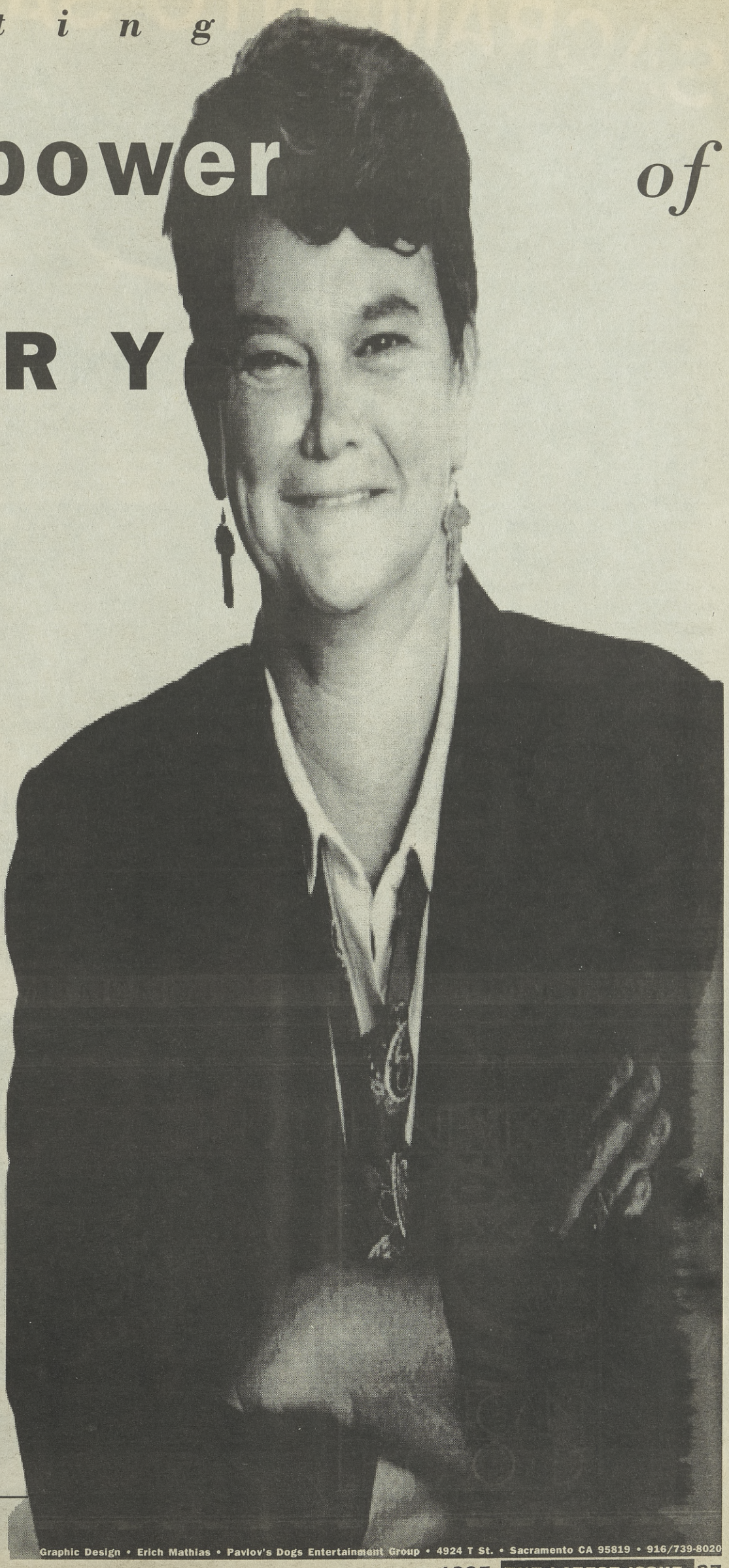

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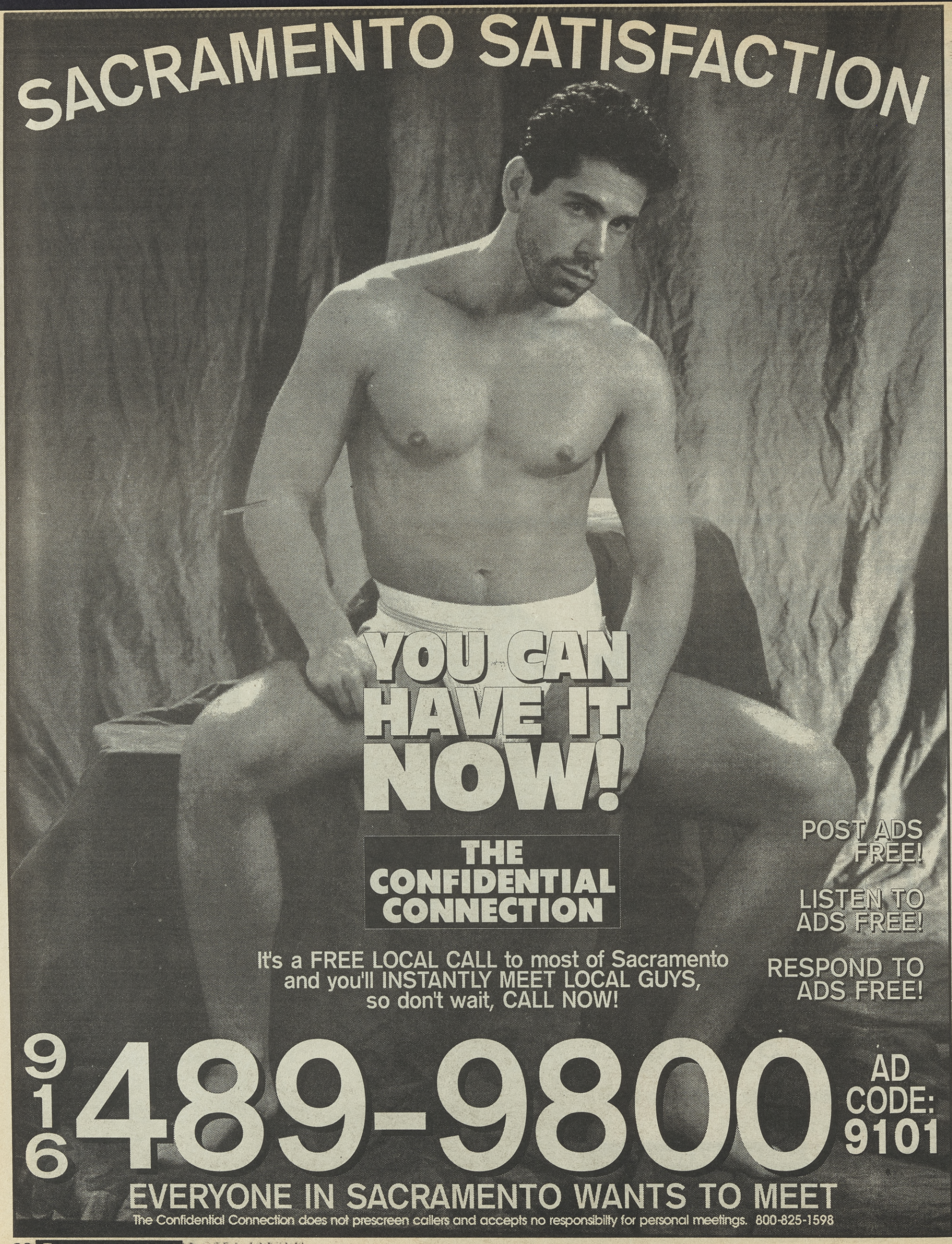

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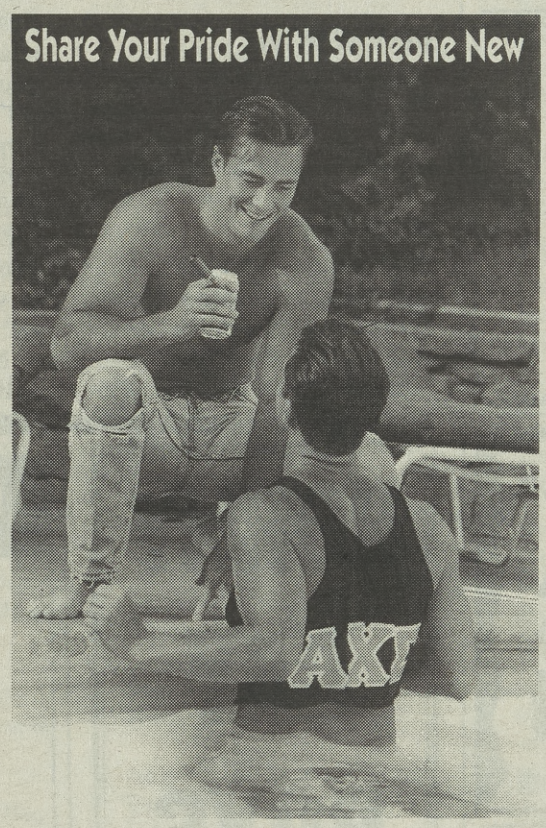

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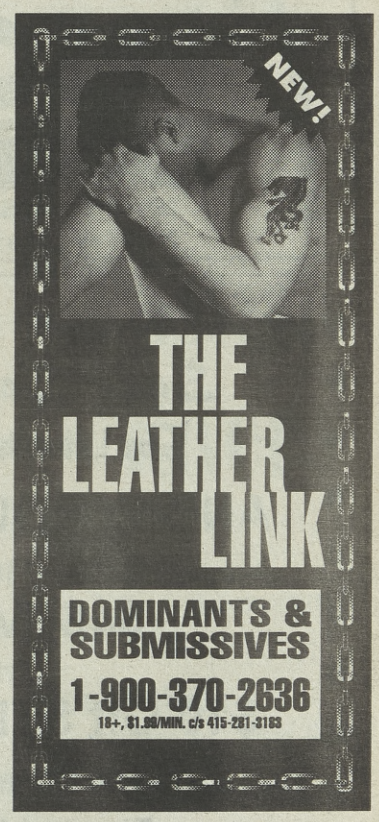

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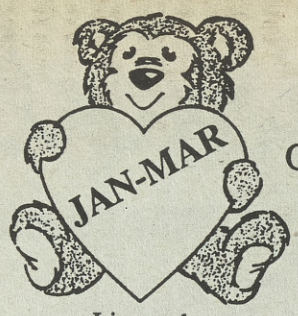

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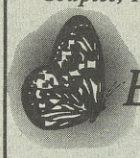

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